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### **BROWNBACK APPLAUDS ADMINISTRATION ADVOCACY OF CARBON SEQUESTRATION**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, a conservationist advocate of carbon sequestration, was pleased by the administration's proposal to give countries the same amount of credit for using an agricultural approach to removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere as they would for reducing industrial emissions under the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change.

"I strongly applaud the administration's decision to push for carbon sequestration as a means to reduce climate change," Brownback said. "The two pieces of legislation that I have introduced on this topic (S.2540 and S.2982) encourage constructive approaches to this complex issue rather than only focusing on controversial emissions limits. In so doing, we will help ensure that agriculture receives the recognition it deserves as part of the solution to this and other environmental problems.

"I will be closely monitoring the upcoming international climate change negotiations – taking place in the Hague, Netherlands this November. It is important that the U.S. position reflect positive approaches to offsetting climate change – particularly since this country has been a leader in land conservation practices.

"We must look at options for reducing greenhouse gases that do not bankrupt our economy. Carbon farming and reducing the slash and burn tactics of developing countries go a long way toward this goal," Brownback said.

In May, Brownback introduced the Domestic Carbon Storage Incentive Act (S. 2540) which provides conservation payments to landowners who voluntarily increase carbon-storing, conservation practices. Just last week, Brownback introduced the International Carbon Sequestration Incentive Act (S.2982) which provides tax credits for investments in rainforest preservation and re-forestation in developing countries.